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- (1) DE Patent No. 100 38 536;
- (2) EP Patent No. 1 384 417;
- U.S. Patent No. 3,895,877; (3)
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 5,044,041;
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 6,616,366; and
- (6) DE Patent No. 202 04 111.

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